

## BLINDING RAIN FAILS TO DAMPEN PARTY'S SPIRITS

## Endurance Runners Leave Raleigh and Are Homeward Bound

## NIGHT IS SPENT IN CLARKSVILLE

Miserable Roads Are Found  
When Virginia Line Is Crossed,  
and Number of Perfect Scores  
Is Decreased—Richmond  
Will Be Reached This  
Afternoon.

**Only Three Cars  
Have Perfect Scores**

Clarksville, Va., June 2.—Only three cars now remain within per-

They are:  
No. 73—Rufus Williams's Buick's  
17, time of arrival 4:45 o'clock.  
No. 9—Foster Motor Company's  
Buick, 4:50.  
No. 16—Dr. Samuel McAnally's  
Maxwell 12, 5:15.  
The score of the other cars and  
time of arrival follow:  
No. 5—Regal, S. Stagg, 3 points,  
5:22.  
No. 18—Buick 17, J. R. Williams.

8 points, 4:45.  
No. 24—Speedwell, John B. Alsop,  
1 point, 4:02.  
No. 4—Buck 17, T. E. Williams,  
24 points, 5:58.  
No. 10—Chalmers 30, E. C. Pe-  
louze, 3 points, 5:10.  
No. 12—Chalmers 30, J. T. Palma-  
tore, 98 points, 5:15.  
No. 16—Maxwell 30, Dr. Samuel  
McAnnally, 10 points, 5:18.

No. 23—Hupmobile, Richmond Motor Co., 77 points, 630.  
No. 6—Rambler, E. J. Allen, 12 points, 440.

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Clarksville, Va., June 9.—Leaving Raleigh, N. C., at 8 o'clock this morning, the members of The Times-Democrat endurance run were subjected

to the severest test of their trip, for the departure was made in a blinding downpour of rain, and with some of the cars the going was of the utmost difficulty.

Speedwell, the first official car. Neither encountered the blinding rain, but the other cars got it full in the face, and those which had tops closed themselves in and beat along the road as best they could.

The rain continued as far as Leesville, but within fourteen miles of Durham, the noon control, it lessened and soon ceased, and the rest of the way was made on dry roads. The

who came without tops to their cars were drenched to the skin, but near Durham, where there had been no rain, they became dried, and the rest of the trip into the noon control was made without difficulty and on scheduled time.

"This is Virginia," dismally remarked one of the passengers in the first contesting car. "I know it by the roads," and it was Virginia.

From Raleigh to Leesville the road was fearfully bad on account of the heavy rain, but from Leesville on,

distance of fourteen miles, the highway was found to be in superb condition, affording great temptation to speed. For most of the way from Durham to Oxford, thirty miles, the roads maintained the good reputation of North Carolina in this respect, but from Oxford on the roads gradually became worse, until, when the line was crossed into the home State, they became so abominably bad that it

surprising that some of the small cars were not stalled. But all managed to get into Clarksville to-night and will be ready to-morrow morning for the start for home. The only discomfort experienced has been due to the condition of the roads and the weather, otherwise there could not have been a more enjoyable outing.

**In Hospitable Durham.**

North Carolina is no further behind in her hospitality than in the condition of her roads. At Durham, where there had been no rain and where the spirits of the hosts had not been dampened, Mayor W. J. Griswold and committee, composed of Colonel John W. Pope, J. E. Bowling, J. H. Mahie, J. D. Pridgen and R. L. Lindsey, had a barbecue prepared in Lakewood Park one of the suburban resorts.

The first call in Raleigh was at 6 o'clock, and several failed to get breakfast. So the barbecue at Durham was made to do the service.

The run was continued through Durham to Chapel Hill, the seat of the University of North Carolina, where a ten-minute stop was made, and then back to Lakewood Park. Everybody on the party visited the historic site of North Carolina's chief seat of learning, and the North Carolina "Raleigh" was rendered with tremendous and lasting joy. Returning to Durham, the party was met by the

ham, the endurance party was met by Mayor Griswold and the committee.